THE ART OF LAUGHING.

SOMETHING WHICH CONSISTS OF UNCOMELY FACIAL CONTORTION.

John B. Gough's Best Thing-How of Dog Laughs-The Jolly Family Doctor. Lincoln and the Laughing Spot-Wash ington-Our Humorists.

Why is it people don't like to be laughed at? What is laughter anyway? Apparently a very innocent affair; a muscular contortion rarely a comely twist of the features. you imagine anything more laughable than to have Charles Summer and Tom Corwin brought into social contact for an hour? Summer always felt of a joke as he would the handles of a battery, and the result was a shock. He hated a joker. Corwin was corruscating with wit and fun in spite of himself. He was the greatest statesman and wit combined the country has ever produced. He died at last as you have seen a vast discharge of rockets flashing and illuminating, and then suddenly all was darkness forever. Lincoln, however, was more grim. He was not so royally a laugher as Corwin. But what would you give to see the span in Paradise! ART OF MAKING LAUGHTER.

John B. Gough's best hing was to tell an audience that he intended very soon to make them laugh-laugh at something silly. He gave them preparatory notice that what he was going to say amounted to nothing; was not worth laughing at; yet they would all laugh themselves tired. Then he went on coolly to do it. And they always did laugh; and then looked at each other to see what they were laughing at. No one ever found out, and John said to them: "I told you so, He had the art of making laughter. He was not himself a good laugher by any measure. In private he was decidedly a sober, matter of-fact man.

There is not an animal that I know of that does not try to Lugit, and make some ap-proach to it, only none of them have as good laughing muscles as we have. It is partly a matter of cheeks. But what a fully affair a dog is when his muster comes home! He splits up a roaving laugh between his head and tail. Between the two his whole body is contorted into grins that finally work off as barks. They say wild dogs do not bark. It is because they do not laugh.
You should always have for a family doe

tor a min who can laugh. A laugh once saved my life. It never is so useful as by way of medicament. My doctor tells a good story and has a genuine smile. Smiles are generally not gennine. They are mently grins half smothered. When your doctor looks cheerful and hopeful, you eatch it of him. Lincoln, bearing the country on his heart in hours of disaster, fortunately could laugh. Gen. W. Julian tells us that when Lincoln approached the laughing spot, in a good story, he would lift his left foot to his right knee, and clinching his foot with both hands and bending forward, his whole frame convulsed with his sensations of delight.

WHEN WASHINGTON LAUGHED. Washington is never known to have laughed but once. It was at Valley Forge. He had ordered that whoever, officer or private, got drunk should be compelled to cut a stump in pieces. Where the camp was formed these stumps were overabundant. One morning while making his tour of observation he came upon a soldier who was chopping out the very last stump. Washington called to him pleasantly, "Well, good fellow, you have found the last stump?" "Yes, sir," growled the man, "and now when an officer gets drunk there wen't be a stump left for him." The general laughed heartily and looked at his officers as if there were some of them entitled

Carlyle, in "Sartor Resartus," tells of laugh as there are laughers. One begins slowly, the fun gently creeps out along the risible muscles; then the hands fly up, the feet fly out and the mouth flies open. This man becomes the victim of a joke, for it is very difficult to stop when he gets to a reasonable maximum. Tom Jones—that is not his name, but that prices that we are selling them, of any residence property in Wichita. makes no difference here-never laughs with afraid for his life.

Langhter is as much a matter of style as language. There is an eastern laugh, slightly conservative, and curved up at the ends, with culture. There is a western laugh, that is broad, full, unreserved, open and hilarious. The Englishman's laugh is self-conscious and more or less inconsiderate. The Frenchman's laugh is considerate and courteous. Dickens' laughter is wholly unlike Thackeray's. You can never quite avoid feeling that Thack-eray's laugh is personal; he laughs at you. Of all the laughters alive there is none equal in good fellowship to Dr. Holmes. There in good renowship to the rollings. There should be a bit of pathos in a sound laugh. Bret Harte has it. Of all the humorists by profession only M. Quad has it.—Cor. Globe-Democrat.

Legs Worth More than Brains. My young friend-John Smith, for instance

-who was graduated by a university a few weeks ago, and who rushed into "journal-ism," as he called it, came into my room yesterday afternoon, fanned himself vigor-ously with his hat and remarked: "I shall quit this business!"

"You mean you will leave the new-paper

"Do you mean that you have more brains than legsl' I asked, with affected surprise.
"I mean that I have walked four miles in the hot sun trying to run down a rumor

and i won't pan out five lines."

So Smith is going to quit the newspaper business because he has brains to sell, when the newspapers want nothing last legs. Of course Smith's place will have to be filled. That is, a man will have to be put on when Smith vacates. The man who stays on will have legs, but he will have brains also. He will know, first, what news is. That will re-quire brains. Knowing what news is, Smith's successor will get that news and he will get it quickly. That will require not only legs, but it will require a perseverance and persistence that regards neither distance, difficulties nor circumstances. Journalism is one thing, but the newspaper business is altogether something different.-Atlanta Con-

The Egyptian Lotus.

The Egyptian lotus among the water lilles at the display in Central park, New York city is attracting much attention. The large flowers, with their different times of white and red, with the bud in the form of a tea rose opening out isto a cluster of petals nearly a foot in diameter, massed among solid looking leaves, are much mimired by the asthetic citizens of that locality.—Chicago Times.

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